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Dear Attorney Hesse:

It is my understanding that the Justice Department is seeking input relative to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft lawsuit.

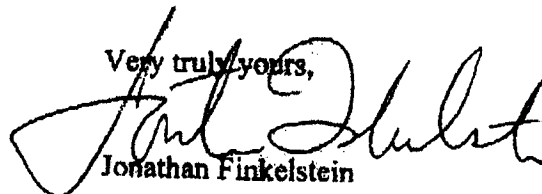
As an attorney and a real estate developer, I understand competition. Competition is healthy for the American economy. I use Microsoft products in my law practice and in my business. They have allowed me to better serve my clients and manage my business.

I believe that the settlement in this case is in everyone's best interest. It will serve the interest of consumers by allowing new technologies to enter the market place.

I have read recently that Microsoft has agreed, as a condition of its settlement with Justice, to provide computers to public school students throughout the country. Certainly in a city like Worcester, an older, industrial area in Central Massachusetts, this magnanimous gesture will be a great benefit to our inner city schools. This donation will also serve to minimize the so-called "digital divide" by making computers available to the economically disadvantaged.

I urge a quick settlement in this case.

Very truly yours,



Jonathan Finkelstein